GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEATH PENALTY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian in Saudi Arabia met a public beheading in a region near Riyadh in September 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Indians awarded death penalty in different countries during the last three years, country-wise;

(d) the number of cases in which the Government intervened in the matter; and

(e) the results thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri Tambi Raj Kesavan Mani Mandiram, convicted of smuggling heroin into Saudi Arabia was executed in Riyadh on 19 September, 2000

(c) As per information available with the Government a total of 52 Indians were awarded death penalty in different countries during the last three years as per details below:

1. Iran - 2

2. Kuwait - 1

3. Qatar - 3

4. Saudi Arabia -36

5. Singapore - 2
6. Uganda - 1

7 United Arab
Emirates - 7

(d) Indian missions in these countries intervened in 15 cases.

(e) In two cases, the UAE authorities commuted the death sentence.